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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 1280

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN
UNESCO EUROPEAN REGION

REF: (A) STATE 267132, (B) STATE 256656, (C) STATE 239458,
(D) VALLETTA 1125 (NOTAL),

1. EMBASSY HAS AGAIN DISCUSSED UNESCO/ISRAELI QUESTION WITH THE MALTESE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND COMMONWELTH AFFAIRS, AS REQUESTED BY REFTEL (A). MINISTRY CONTACT STATED THAT PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF HAS NOT YET INFORMED THEM OF THE POSITION HE WILL HAVE GOM TAKE ON THIS ISSUE, AND THERE IS NO WAY TO PREDICT WHEN MINTOFF WILL TAKE ACTION ON THIS SUBJECT. MINISTRY IS AWARE OF USG VIEWS AND CONCERNS ON THE ISRAELI QUESTION, BUT DOUBTS THAT THESE WILL INFLUENCE MINTOFF NEARLY AS MUCH AS THE ATTITUDES OF THE "NON-ALIGNED GROUP" IN NAIROBI.

2. COMMENT: WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT FURTHER EMBASSY APPROACHES HERE ARE LIKELY TO BE PRODUCTIVE IN OBTAINING GOM SUPPORT FOR ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN REGION.

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WE CONTINUE TO THINK THAT AN ITALIAN EFFORT (AS SUGGESTED

IN VALLETTA 1125) WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE AT THIS STAGE.
SHOULD WE LEARN IN ADVANCE OF MINTOFF'S VOTING INSTRUCTIONS
TO HIS DELEGATION IN NAIROBI, WE WILL, OF COURSE, REPORT
THEM IMMEDIATELY. WIGGINS

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